(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up any regional news unit at Cuddapah in Rayalseema region of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (e) There is no proposal to set up a Regional News Unit of All India Radio in Rayalseema region of Andhra Pradesh. All India Radio has part-time Correspondents at Chittoor, Cuddapah and Kurnool and news relating to Rayalseema is adequately covered in the news bulletins put out by the Regional News Units at Hyderabad and Vijayawada.

Advertising by Foreign Companies on Satellite Television Network

190. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of companies are spending huge amount on advertisement of their products through foreign satellite television network;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are contemplating to curb advertising on foreign TV network; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The RBI has been advised not to release foreign exchange for advertisements over foreign satellite channels by non-exporters or those with negligible earnings.

AIR Stations in Andhra Pradesh

191. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of AIR stations in Andhra Pradesh that are having Vividh Bharati service with their names;

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce Vividh Bharati service from AIR station, Cuddapah in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Hyderabad and Vijayawada stations of All India Radio have Vividh Bharati service.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Prioritisation of locales for new Vividh Bharati Centres is done on the basis of market potential and under the overall prioritisation for different schemes within given budgetary resources.

Amount outstanding against various agencies on account of advertisement

192. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount outstanding against various agencies for broadcast and telecast of their advertisements as on 30th June, 1993;

(b) what are the reasons for not recovering the same so far; and

(c) what steps have been taken/proposed to be taken to recover outstanding dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The amount outstanding